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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: FOCUS MONITOR METHOD AND MASK  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 39 pages, including 4 independent claims and 24 claims total.
2. Drawings- 7 sheets of drawings containing 16 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-046236, filed February 24, 2003.

4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No.  
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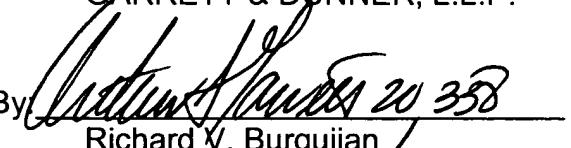
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